

WAR IN THE CAMP

Democrats in the House Quarrel Over Free Silver.

CRISP IS SOMETHING OF A CZAR

He Makes Arbitrary Rules—Reason to Suppose That Senator Hill Has Entered the Free Silver Camp.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The fight over the silver question is to be an extremely acrimonious one, and the silver people, assured of their power, will be exacting and push the fight to the bitter end. The opening of the battle shows this. As soon as the chairman's prayer was ended Mr. Bland called upon the special order fixing the date for the consideration of the silver bill, insisting that it was a privileged report, and might be considered in advance of the reading of the journal. He made no concealment of the fact that he did this for the purpose of preventing opponents filibustering. He added to the bitterness of the fight by charging bad faith by the opponents of the bill, who, he said, had agreed, if the matter were postponed until today, they would not filibuster. It observed that while almost every Democrat was in his seat this morning there were many vacant chairs on the Republican side, which leads to the belief that many Republicans will find it convenient to be absent, so as to let the Democrats fight it out among themselves. Probably more than half of the Republicans who vote will favor consideration of the silver bill. At present, however, they are quietly enjoying the spectacle of the acrimonious fight among the Democrats.

The fact that Catchings, who is the mouthpiece of the committee on rules, made the motion to take up the resolution before the reading of the journal, and that Crisp sustained him, although such procedure is quite unusual, shows that the Crisp faction is operating with the silver people. The fact that these people are supposed to co-operate with Hill, who made their victory possible, leads to the inference that Hill is preparing to cast his lot with the free silver people.

The Fight in the House.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Notwithstanding the earnest efforts of Colonel Ike Hill, the whisper in the Democratic ranks, to secure a large attendance of Democratic members to vote upon the resolution setting apart three days for the consideration of the silver bill when the speaker called the House to order at noon, he was confronted with a large array of empty seats.

Before the reading of the journal, Mr. Catchings of Mississippi called upon the resolution and demanded the previous question.

Mr. Tracy of New York, called attention to the fact that the journal had not been read.

The speaker declared it was in order for the gentleman from Mississippi to call up the resolution.

The reading of the resolution was concluded.

Mr. Dingley—Has the chair ruled that this report of the committee on rules can be considered before the journal has been read?

The Speaker—The chair has. That is the provision of the rule.

Mr. Dingley—The same provision of the rules would confer the same privilege on conference reports.

The Speaker—It does not confer the same privilege on conference reports. The gentleman is mistaken; there are express limitations against conference reports.

Mr. Dingley—Then the chair decides that business can be done before the reading of the journal?

The Speaker—The chair so decides.

Mr. Tracy—I appeal from the decision of the chair.

In advocacy of his appeal he said that it would be an unfortunate precedent to make that the committee on rules, consisting practically of three members, could come into the house and force upon the three hundred odd members the consideration of any resolution the might desire to call up. The house ought to proceed with great caution.

Mr. Fitch of New York, vigorously protested against the ruling of the speaker, which was defended by Mr. Bland of Missouri, and a very warm colloquy ensued between Mr. Tracy and the speaker as to the right of the former gentleman to the floor. Mr. Tracy said that with regard to the question of the reading of the journal it was customary to read the journal every morning before proceeding to business. Knowing this, many members had not felt it necessary to hasten to the house. On that account there were many members absent and a fair opportunity should be given them to reach the capital.

He yielded five minutes to Mr. Fitch and reserved the balance of his time.

Mr. Fitch seconded his colleague's remarks, professing his own remarks with an expression of the highest respect for the fairness of the chair. But he continued fully in what his colleague had said, and insisted that the journal should be first read.

Mr. Tracy then raised the question of consideration against the resolution, but the speaker decided that the question of consideration could not be asked.

An appeal was taken and the appeal was laid on the table; yeas 176, nays 81.

Mr. Bland, in the course of his remarks, alluded to a conversation he had had with Mr. Cockran, of New York, and Andrew, of Massachusetts, in which those gentlemen had stated that if the consideration of the resolution were postponed until today, there could be no filibustering on the part of the anti-silver men, and he charged those anti-silver men with bad faith.

To this charge Mr. Cockran made a very denial. He had had a conversation with the gentleman from Missouri and at that conversation Mr. Bland had alluded to agree that the resolution be taken up today. It was only after he had a talk with the members of the committee on rules that Mr. Bland had consented to it. Not one word about filibustering had been said in the conversation with Mr. Bland.

Mr. Tracy has moved to recommit the resolution, with instructions to the committee on rules to change the date for the consideration of the silver bill from March 23 to December 12. A roll call is in progress.

She Was Born at Sea.

New York, March 7.—Miss Marie Ida Barn was the youngest passenger on the French liner La Bourgogne, from

Barre, yesterday morning. She had been born in the steerage quarters on February 29. The mother, Mrs. Marie Barn, is on her way to join her husband in Chicago. The saloon passengers took up a subscription and banded the mother 600 francs, or about \$120.

KILLED BY ROLLING LOGS.

Loved Not Wisely but Too Well and Are Now in Jail.

LANSING, March 7.—Frank Harris was injured by logs rolling upon him Saturday, and died yesterday, aged 43. He leaves a wife and three children.

Edgar Curry and Mrs. Charles McBride of Mason, loved not wisely but too well, resulting in their arrest for adultery upon the complaint of the latter's husband and had an examination at Mason today.

John Cargill, 22 years old, was arrested and bound over to the Ingham circuit court for trial upon a charge of assault with intent to commit rape, the victim being the 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. Edgar Mann of Ingham township. The mother makes the complaint.

Miss D. Mae Smith of Grand Rapids and W. H. Hopkins of Lansing have temporary clerkships in the office of the auditor general; William Cargrove of Detroit a permanent appointment as abstract clerk in the office of the commissioner of the state land office, and David Knight, the father of the redoubtable "Johnnie J." of Detroit, has been appointed to a permanent clerkship in the state department.

WANTS THEM STOPPED.

\$40,000 Worth of P. & R. Bonds Among the Coldwater Bank Booty.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—President McLeod of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad is in receipt of a dispatch from D. B. Dennis, president of the Coldwater, Michigan, National bank, stating that when the concern was robbed on the night of the 2d inst. the thieves secured forty deferred income bonds of \$1,000 each. The bonds were a special individual deposit, and President Dennis asks McLeod to give the matter every possible publicity to aid the bank in securing the return of the bonds and to have them stopped.

GRAND DUKE LOUIS DYING.

The Palace at Darmstadt Surrounded by Sorrowing Subjects.

BERLIN, March 7.—The Grand Duke Louis of Hesse shows no signs of improvement today. His breathing is labored and the attending physicians have the greatest fears. The grand duke's children have been notified of his condition, and it is said that the Grand Duchess Elizabeth is hurrying from Moscow to reach the bedside of her dying father. The greatest sorrow prevails among the people and the palace at Darmstadt was surrounded at an early hour by a multitude, anxious to learn the latest regarding the condition of the ruler to whom they are deeply attached.

KHEDIVE'S AGGRESSIVE PLANS.

Movement by Egypt to Recover the Soudanese Empire.

VIENNA, March 7.—News from Egypt is to the effect that the new khedive intends to begin his reign in a brilliant way by recovering the Soudanese empire which was lost to Egypt with the rebellion of the mahdi and the fall of Khartoum. The latest information from the Soudan indicates that an invasion properly organized and commanded would not fail of success; that the people are ripe for a change and that the Egyptians would be welcomed by the natives of the inhospitable and desolate Soudan as deliverers from an intolerable tyranny.

JAY GOULD IN MEXICO.

Says He Is Greatly Improved in Health.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 7.—Jay Gould and party left at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Mexico. The first stop will be made at Laredo, where they will spend the night. Gould stated that he would visit Monterey, and probably the City of Mexico and Vera Cruz, returning to New York via the Mexican Central to El Paso, then over the Texas Pacific. He authorized the statement that he is greatly improved, and in as good health as for several months.

BARRIOS ELECTED.

Panama's Congress Will Declare Him President.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Advices from Panama by steamer San Blas which arrived today state that a deadlock existed in the presidential election in Guatemala between the Linafiesta and Hanna Barrios, and that congress would declare Barrios elected. Barrios, it was said, if elected would declare war on Salvador for the purpose of avenging the death of his uncle.

RAID ON THE GAMBLERS.

Two Hundred Captured at One Coup in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Frank Shaw's gambling rooms, at 299 Clark street, were raided this afternoon, the services of twenty-five central officers, under command of Capt. Eben and Sergeant Wood, being needed to arrest the 200 players.

SPRINGER IS BETTER.

Consultation of Physicians Called and Chances for His Recovery.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Another consultation of Springer's physicians was held tonight. As a result it was stated that the condition of the patient showed a slight improvement with reason to hope for recovery. Mr. Springer passed a quiet day.

Baroness Destroys Divorce.

SHOCK FALLS, N. D., March 7.—Judge Atkins today announced his decision in the Destura divorce case granting the baroness a decree of absolute divorce and the custody of her minor child. The findings were all against the defendant, not one of his points being sustained.

Lansing's New Track.

LANSING, March 7.—Work is about to be begun on the new ground selected for the Lansing Driving club track. The first step will be the thorough draining of the place at a cost of \$1,200. The club will hang up \$10,000 in prize money at its first meeting in August.

KRUSE ON THE RACK

The Council Votes to Have His Case Investigated.

GRAVE AND SPECIFIC CHARGES

The Issue of City School Bonds to the Amount of \$113,000 Ratified by the City Fathers.

Last evening's session of the council was somewhat brief, but it possessed one decidedly sensational feature. It was supposed that the former order of the council, that Poormaster Kruse turn over all funds in his hands belonging to the city, and the latter's apparent compliance with the order, would head off any investigation of his official affairs. It was a matter of some surprise last evening when Alderman Sprout introduced the following resolution:

"Whereas, Various resolutions have been offered in this council asking for an investigation into the management of the office of the director of the poor, and

"Whereas, Joseph Kruse, the present incumbent of said office, by resolution of this council only adopted February 22, 1892, was ordered to turn over to the city treasurer any and all moneys in his possession belonging to the city of Grand Rapids, and

"Whereas, Said Joseph Kruse, on or about the 25th day of February, 1892, did pay into the city treasury the sum of \$113,135 in obedience to said resolution, and

"Whereas, I am fully convinced that said sum of \$113,135 was not the sum total of all moneys in his hands at the time and belonging to the city, and

I do hereby charge that the said Joseph Kruse, the present incumbent of the office of director of the poor, has without authority, received money for the city which he has willfully and feloniously retained for his own private use and gain, and in defiance of the order of the common council, to-wit:

Substance of the Charge.

Sometime during the early part of the year, 1891, he did receive a check for an overcharge on a bill which the city had previously paid to the U. S. A. home in the sum of \$43.42, and as your communicant believes in divers other sums during his term of office.

I would respectfully request that your honorable body take some suitable action to protect the interests of the city in the premises.

There was no discussion. Alderman Turner arose before an opportunity was given and moved that the city clerk be ordered to notify Poor Director Kruse and the alderman making the charge, with his witnesses, to appear before the council next Monday night and make full answer to the charges preferred. This carried, every alderman present voting in the affirmative.

This course was evidently satisfactory to Alderman Sprout as there was no opposition to the motion of Alderman Turner.

In accordance with instruction from the common council, Poor Director Kruse submitted a statement in regard to the sources from which he received moneys turned over to the city treasurer. He said: "I respectfully report that the items contained in my returns of the city poor funds received by me, were received and paid to me for the following purposes: \$165.70 of said money was received of William Smith for the partial care and maintenance of his brother, Jacob Smith, under an arrangement made with the former poormaster before my term of office commenced, and \$32 of said money was received from John Farr, for the care of one John Robinson. I respectfully report further that I received the balance of said money, amounting to \$35.45 for the entire care of two would-be city charges, and that the same was received by me for the benefit of the city, upon the express condition and understanding that the names of the parties paying the same should not be disclosed in the books of my office, or to the public, and that unless I made such understanding and agreement with the parties paying the same, they would not be paid, it being under no obligation to do so. I believe that the city was more benefited by receiving the money, than by publishing the names of the donors to the public."

He Wants Definite Rules.

Following the above Poormaster Kruse communicated with the council as follows: "If your honorable body has not already taken steps for the formulating of proper rules and regulations for conducting the business of the poor department, I would respectfully recommend that such rules and regulations be passed as will comply with the city charter and the laws governing my office, at your earliest possible convenience. It has become necessary, in my judgement, for the proper conduct of the office, that the duties of the director of the poor, and the committee on poor, appointed by your honorable body, should be defined in accordance with the charter and the laws of the state of Michigan." Both of the above were received and placed on file.

The committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the claim of Isaac Blumley for damages received by colliding with a hook and ladder truck at the corner of Scribner and West Bridge street, reported adversely, stating that all injuries received by Blumley, or damage done his wagon, was the result of carelessness on his part, and recommended that he be paid no damages.

Percy T. Cook petitioned the council for a further extension of the franchise previously asked for. Instead of his projected line ending at the D. & M. depot, he would like the right to build in Plainfield avenue to Carrier street, east on Carrier to North College avenue, north on North College avenue to East street. Referred to the committee having the matter in charge.

Ald. Hauser introduced a resolution approving the action of the board of education in fixing the time for the payment of interest and installments on the \$115,000 worth of school bonds as follows: In the year 1896, payable, \$25,000; 1898, \$25,000; 1899, \$25,000; 1900, \$25,000; 1901, \$25,000. The interest is payable semi-annually. The resolution was adopted. The committee on ways and means reported in favor of ratifying the action of the board of education in regard to the issuing of the above bonds.

He Calls John L.

New York, March 7.—W. A. Brady, challenger for James C. Quay, today

put up a forfeit of \$1,000 and issued a challenge to John L. Sullivan to fight for \$10,000 a side and the largest purse any club will give. Brady said he would add \$1,000 to the forfeit as soon as he learned that Sullivan indicated willingness to meet Corbett.

SUFFERING FOR FOOD.

The Mother of Mind-Reader Bishop Without the Necessaries of Life.

New York, March 7.—Mrs. Eleanor Bishop, mother of the late Washington Irving Bishop, the mind-reader, is suffering from lack of the necessities of life. Misfortunes have crowded so fast and heavily upon her that she has been forced to take up her abode in the cellar of a tumble-down old frame abutment at Eighth avenue and Sixty-fourth street, in a small, damp room scarcely ten feet square. The panels in the single door are broken and but few whole panes of glass remain in the window. The ceiling is low, and the apartment altogether dreary and uncomfortable. A rusty little stove, in which fire has not burned in many days, though want of fuel stands at one side of the room, while on the other side is an old-fashioned and almost worn-out grand piano, a relic of better days, to which Mrs. Bishop has steadfastly clung. Scattered about the room are over a dozen pictures of her dead son taken at different times during his life. There are also two large photographs showing him as he appeared in his coffin, while his mother is seen bending over him. On the ceiling is seen her son's masonic apron and other mementoes of the craft, of which Mr. Bishop was a member of high degree. Mrs. Bishop's father and husband were also masons. The other furniture of the room consists of a small bed and an old table, with a couple of broken trunks.

Mrs. Bishop, in her days of prosperity, was widely known by her charitable deeds. During the civil war she organized a corps of thirty nurses and sent them to the front to care for the wounded. In earlier life she was a prime donna and often sang in benefit and for purposes of charity. She is now in poor health. Saturday night she had a severe hemorrhage of the lungs. Bowed with age, needing the necessities, if not the comforts of life, and so utterly alone in the world, the aspect of this poor, white-haired old lady, staggering along toward the grave under such a doubly heavy burden of sorrow and suffering is a picture which must appeal to every sensitive human heart.

War on Sunday Papers.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 7.—Robert McCleure, the agent of the Law and Order league, who has been waging war on the newspapers, carriers and newsboys for selling newspapers on Sunday, was arrested today for wilful and corrupt perjury, and gave bail in the sum of \$1000 for a hearing on Thursday.

Last Thursday McCleure swore positively that he purchased a copy of the Pittsburgh Press at 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning, February 28, from James M. Sharp, a south side news dealer. Sharp went on the stand and testified that he did not sell papers that day, and at the hour named he was eating his breakfast. Notwithstanding this, Sharp was fined the usual \$25 and cost by Alderman Robe. Sharp claims he has evidence that will convict McCleure. The penalty is \$500 fine and imprisonment not exceeding seven years.

Lost in Mid-Ocean.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—Shipping circles were startled today by a report of the abandonment in mid-ocean of the new bark Inverloch, involving a loss of upward of \$250,000 to the underwriters. Ten men are said to have perished. The news was received from Captain Deuchers of the Tanker of Bear Creek, which vessel arrived from Penaut.

Congressman Kendall Dead.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Hon. J. W. Kendall, representative in congress of the Tenth Kentucky district, died at his residence in this city at 9:35 tonight, from the effects of two strokes of apoplexy received this morning.

Tragedy at Waukegan.

WAUKEGAN, Wis., March 7.—At 11 o'clock this morning Charles Beggs, a laborer, shot his wife and then himself. He is dead and his wife cannot recover. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause.

METHODIST UNION.

The Ministers of This District Meet in Conference.

The Methodist ministers union of the Grand Rapids district held its regular monthly meeting yesterday in the Division M. E. church. There was a large attendance, nearly all the members in the district being present. Presiding Elder Cogshall was in the chair, and the Rev. W. L. Davidson acted as secretary. The principle subject under discussion was city evangelization. The union decided to have a grand banquet in Hartman's hall in May or June, to which will be invited some of the ablest divines in the country, who have made evangelistic work a specialty. The matter will be thoroughly discussed, and a plan formulated for aggressive work. The Rev. Geo. Horner, of Sparta, read an able paper on evangelistic work, and the suggestions which it contained, were discussed at length. The Rev. W. L. Cogshall was elected a delegate to represent the union at the national convention of Methodist unions to be held in Pittsburgh March 15.

Plumbers Combine.

The employing or master plumbers of the city have completed the organization of an association comprising three firms: Rothfus & Powers, McPhail & Straus, Thompson & Hunt, Wm. Robertson, P. Runkles & Son, A. R. Hum, F. Shriver, D. Schneider, Sprout & Metcarrin, Weatherly & Patten. The association has the following officers: President, F. Shriver; vice president, Wm. Robertson; secretary, W. Weatherly; treasurer, Wm. T. McGarrin; sergeant, L. Schneider.

Oakdale Church Incorporated.

The certificate of incorporation of the Oakdale Methodist Episcopal church was filed with the county clerk yesterday. The trustees are: Myron S. Greager, Henry D. Chambers, James D. Burked, James Dunbar and Geo. E. Wilcox. The prime mover in the enterprise is the Rev. Wilbur I. Cogshall, preaching elder of the Grand Rapids district. The association will construct a church at Oakdale Park.

DEED OF A NIHILIST

An Assassin Attempts to Kill the Czar.

HIS BOMB FAILED TO EXPLODE

The Villain Escapes in the Crowd—His Intended Victim Faints From Fear.

Several Arrests Made.

St. Petersburg, March 7.—While the carmine and carnavits were driving on the Volvroski prospect yesterday afternoon, a tall man with a dark mustache and wearing a loose overcoat ran out from the crowd and threw a parcel at the carriage. He evidently intended that it should fall inside the window, but it dropped to the ground several feet from the rear wheels. The carmine saw the man take something from under his coat. She turned pale, half rose from her seat and then sank back on her son's shoulder. The coachman drove on with all speed, shouting to the police on the drive and pointing toward the man who hurried off through the crowd. Several arrests were made within a few minutes, but with what results cannot be ascertained. The bundle consisted of a metal receptacle, containing a fluid not yet analyzed and covered with loose black cloth.

DETROIT NOT IN IT.

Grand Rapids Will Be the Metropolis of Michigan.

H. A. Brown of the Potter Chemical company, New York, manufacturers of soda and saleratus, is a guest at the Morton. "I came to Grand Rapids to look after our business with the wholesale grocery men," he remarked last night. "We don't keep any men on the road; we do most of our business by means of brokers, but we have none here and so deal directly with the wholesalers. I always like to come to Grand Rapids. I tell you it's a bustling town, and will surpass Detroit some day. Grand Rapids already does more business in the wholesale grocery line than Detroit does, and this one instance in time will be multiplied until the Valley City will surpass the City of the Straits in every particular. Grand Rapids has a better chance to grow commercially than Detroit has. This city has a chance to grow from four different ways. It has an immense northern trade, which is increasing every year. The river and Canada make it impossible for Detroit to reach out in more than two directions for trade. Of course Detroit is a lakeport; but if Grand Rapids can get the big ditch she is after Detroit will be comparatively stranded. There can be no question concerning the amount of business that this city is doing. We can stay in New York and guess it accurately. You see soda is a staple commodity, just as much so as salt and sugar. The amount of soda that any community consumes is a very rare guide to the extent of the grocery business carried on. There is no grocery firm that doesn't handle it."

While speaking of the political situation in New York, Mr. Brown said: "As a matter of fact, I have heard more about New York politics since I came west than I did in the city. All the politics going in New York now is democratic, and Tammany controls it. When it comes to political manipulation Tammany doesn't talk much; it saw wood all the time. The working of that organization is simply wonderful in its perfection. When it starts out with an end in view, it never fails to accomplish its purpose. I have been more and more impressed with that fact as I have watched the results of the organization's work—I was about to say the workings of Tammany; but nobody ever sees the actual manipulations. As an example take the 1884 election when Tammany was so anxious to elect Grace mayor. That was all there was in the election for Tammany, and it was bound to elect Grace if everything else went. So it went to different republican managers and said: 'Now see here, we want to elect Grace and you don't care a cent for these local offices. Now for every vote you will give us for Grace, we will give you two profanity good ones for president. As a result Grace was elected and Cleveland's presidential aspirations were knocked into a cocked hat. If Hill gets the democratic nomination for president, you may depend upon it Tammany will roll him up a majority in the city sufficient to carry the state.'"

WILL RECEIVE HIM.

Mackinac Island is Making Preparations to Receive the Resorter.

W. P. Preston, of Mackinac Island, was a guest at the Morton yesterday. Mr. Preston is a well known real estate man on that little chunk of government earth, and while discussing the summer outlook casually remarked: "Oh, we're right in it now. We are sharpening up our knives and getting ready for the consumptive resorter with a lean look and a fat bank account. Hitherto, if a man got away from the island at the close of the season and had a ten dollar bill left he came around and thanked all the inhabitants. This year we expect to make it so pleasant for him that he will come around at the close of the season and ask us to accept a deed of his real estate. There is going to be a greater summer resort business at the island this season than ever before. Plank's hotel is being fitted with extra accommodations and probably a great many new cottages will be built. We are working after one improvement, which if we get will be a great benefit to the island. We are trying to get the general government to make an appropriation for a system of water works. As there isn't a particle of protection for the port or the cottages. There is at least \$250,000 invested in cottages and other buildings, and it wouldn't detract from the value of the property or the general feeling of safety if we had a good water system. If we can get that, Mackinac Island has every qualification for a summer resort that it possibly could wish, and we shall expect an immense increase in the business."

GRAND RAPIDS MINERS.

Another Mine Which Grand Rapids Capital is Developing.

J. P. Vroman of Ypsilanti, secretary and treasurer for the Washitaw and Michigan Iron Mining company, was a

guest at the Morton yesterday. Mr. Vroman was formerly professor of Greek in the State Normal school, but gave up subordinate and disengaged for the more lucrative business of mining. "I came up here to consult the Grand Rapids stockholders of our mine," he said yesterday. "We are making plans for the development of the mine. We have been incorporated and shall soon be at work getting out the ore. Just as soon as the snow gets off the ground we shall begin operations again. We have a very rich mine in the Northern Peninsula; the ore will run 60 per cent. It is an unusually good ore that can do that. As a rule iron will average from 45 to 52 per cent. So you see this is considerably higher than the ordinary. Our ore is the specular or magnetic. It is many respects that is an easier ore to handle than soft hematite. Hematite can be mined very easily until you have reached a certain stage; then it is necessary to put in an elaborate system of props and brims. With the hard magnetic ore you can use it for columns and let the ore itself support the mine. When it comes to working there is some difference in the two ore, rather in favor of the magnetic. There is considerable Grand Rapids capital invested in our mine, and the stockholders are looking forward to some very profitable results."

Detroit's Dead Game Sport.

Johnnie Considine, the well known Detroit tough and leader of the the disreputable element of Wayne county democracy, residing at the Morton last night. Considine kept tolerably shady concerning his business and movements, but informed a personal friend that he was in the city to attend a secret democratic conference.

Local Lobby Chatter.

The partition between the old Western Union office and the lobby of Sweet's was removed yesterday. The work of renovating the new addition and getting in the new passenger elevator will be rushed, and Colonel Rising expects to have everything as new and bright as a dollar within thirty days.

A. S. Weatherbee, of Chicago, one of the insurance men at the Morton, is a large owner in the asphalt fields in Montana. He says work will begin in the spring on the mines. The fields are very rich. Until he opens the mines again Mr. Weatherbee will reside in Grand Rapids.

E. C. Dibble, the well known clerk at the Morton, who has been laid up for six months with inflammatory rheumatism, has returned from Mount Clemens and resumed his old place yesterday, behind the desk at the Morton.

A St. Louis traveling man startled the natives and dazed the old timers at the Morton yesterday by playing three cushion billiards in the orthodox Schaeffer style.

D. L. Shook, a general dealer at Coral, Montcalm county, is buying goods here and is at the New Livingston. Mrs. Shook is with him.

H. R. Frey, of Kalamazoo, clerk at the America house, is at Sweet's. He is having trouble with his eyes and is here to get them treated.

Sidney Meale, the popular clerk at Sweet's, is sick in bed, and Will Howe, the other day clerk, is doing double duty.

A. Liberti, the noted solo cornetist, arrived at Sweet's last night and will remain there until after his concert is given.

Mrs. W. W. Mitchell of Cadillac, the wife of a well-known lumberman of that city, was at the Morton yesterday.

Mrs. J. I. Loomis, of Charlotte, a milliner, is buying goods in this market and is a guest at the New Livingston.

H. J. Hays and David D. Erwin of Muskegon, were among yesterday's arrivals